

LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN NEARBY VILLAGES OF SNYDER COUNTY

COLOMBIANS TO INVADE PANAMA
It is Rumored a Force of 3000 Left Cartagena For That Purpose.



WANTED: A first-class gentleman...
GIBBONS CONDEMNNS SWEAT SHOPS

BEAVER SPRINGS.
Miss Estella M. Romig spent Sunday with C. B. Witmer's of Sunbury recently.
A number of weddings are predicted for this place before New Year.

Deafness cannot be cured
By local applications as the ear cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

PORT TREVORTON.
Miss Mary Rine spent Sunday with her cousins Misses Lenora and Lera Bingham.
Jacob Shaffer of Berwick, Benjamin, Edwin and their wives of Sunbury spent Sunday with their parents, Jas. C. Shaffer and wife.

SWINEFORD.
Mrs. Geo. Schaffer, of Mt. Carmel, spent a few days with her father, Ira Walter.
Hog cholera is prevailing through this section of the country. Frank Wenrick lost 19 shoats and fattened hogs.

SCHNEE.
Lena Metzger spent Sunday under the parental roof.
Dr. E. E. Tool, of Freeburg, transacted business in town, Monday.
Elmer Troup and wife were the guests of Jacob Willow, at Richfield, Sunday evening.

FREEBURG.
Many of our people spent last week at the county seat.
Mamma Hays of Meiserville spent Saturday and Sunday at this place.
Geo. Solomon of New Berlin spent Sunday among friends here.

On Christmas evening a Cantata, entitled Santa's and Trades' Carnival, will be held in the Reformed church of Middleburg.
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Rine announce the marriage of their daughter Blanch Edna to James H. Strohecker of Beavertown.

On Friday evening the calisthumpians serenaded L. G. Winey and wife.
Herbert Kessler and H. W. Smith spent Sunday evening out of town.
J. S. Meiser and wife of Globe Mills, visited their daughter Mrs. Aurthur Aurnand, Sunday.

MT. PLEASANT MILLS.
Adam Kaltwriter and wife are visiting his mother.
Albert Boyer spent a few days with his friends in town.
Lloyd Hackenburg, who was working at Burnham came home last week.

KREAMER.
Miss Mable Gutillus of this place who is teaching school at Banner-ville spent part of last week visiting her parents.
Many people attended the annual Snyder County Institute last week.
The children have enjoyed the vacation last week some of them attended the Institute.

VERDILLA.
Robert Shatzberger after spending a week with friends at Shamokin Dam came home on Saturday.
Grant Whitmyre of Herndon is drilling a well for John Krebs.
Ben Rhymestien and wife of Selingsgrove are in this section butchering this week.
Our young people took Ira Sholly by surprise last Saturday night it was his eighteenth birthday.

Announcement.
The repairs of the Zion's Lutheran church, known as the Arboqast church, are now finished and will be reopened Sunday morning, December 13th.
An able speaker will be present and assist the pastor in the service.
E. E. GILBERT, Pastor, Fremont, Pa.

U. S. MARINES LANDED AT COLON
Colon, Dec. 8.—A rumor is in circulation here to the effect that 3000 soldiers have left Cartagena for the purpose of invading the Isthmus. No details are known, and the rumor cannot be confirmed. It probably had its source in Port Limon, Costa Rica, where it was brought by steamer from Cartagena. The only possible means of approaching Panama is by narrow and difficult mountain passes through the Indian country. The United States cruiser Atlanta is now off the Isthmus.

Canal Treaty Sent to the Senate.
Washington, Dec. 8.—The Panama Canal treaty has been sent to the senate but whether there is an executive session after its receipt it was not known to the committee on foreign relations.
The dispatch of the cruiser Atlanta to the Gulf of Darien is of great importance and interest in connection with the rumor from Colon of the departure of Colombian soldiers for the isthmus of Panama. This is about 180 miles east of Colon, and the cruise in those waters will enable her commander to keep in close touch with developments in the Colombian situation originating in and about the vicinity of Cartagena, from which place it is rumored the soldiers are to march on the isthmus. Naval officials decline to say whether the dispatch of the Atlanta to the Gulf of Darien is the result of any intimations of warlike preparations on the part of Colombia; they content themselves with expressing the opinion that it will be impossible for Colombian troops to march overland to Colon or Panama because of the impassability of the country to be traversed. Nevertheless the departure of the vessel is regarded as significant as indicating the opinion of the officials of the United States to be on the alert.

STOWAWAY NEARLY STARVED
Imprisoned in Hold of Ocean Freighter 14 Days Without Food or Water.
Newport News, Va., Dec. 7.—Self-imprisoned in the hold of an ocean freighter 14 days without food or water, was the experience of Robert Leslie, 30 years old, a stowaway, had to relate when he was rescued in an almost dying condition. Leslie slipped on board the British steamer Rappahannock, Captain Buckingham, while the vessel was loading at Liverpool two weeks ago. He secreted himself among the merchandise and when the ship was at sea he endeavored to find his way out, but was unable to do so. For 10 days he tried to attract the attention of those on board by shouting at the top of his voice, but no relief came and he abandoned hope. When found he presented a pitiable sight. He weighed only 60 pounds and was too weak to raise himself from a recumbent position. Leslie's weight when he secreted himself at Liverpool was 140 pounds.

Bank Messenger Robbed.
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5.—Stewart Hill, messenger for the Merchants' National Bank, went into the registry division of the postoffice in this city. He laid down his pouch, containing \$7000 in bonds, coupons and stocks, on a table while he registered a letter. While his back was turned two men entered. One grabbed the pouch and made off, followed by his companion. The messenger gave an alarm, but both of the men escaped. The pouch was found in a hallway, three blocks from the postoffice. Letters and checks aggregating in value \$9900 were in the pouch, but nine registered letters, believed to contain \$6320 in negotiable stocks, bonds and currency, were missing.

Sight Restored As He Slept.
Trenton, N. J., Dec. 8.—Edward Trimble, 10 years old, who began a few days ago to recover his sight, of which he had been deprived for the past four months, awoke with the exclamation: "Mother, it's half-past seven." Mrs. Trimble has been sleeping in the same room, and awoke to see her son sitting up in bed, with his eyes riveted on a small alarm clock on a bureau several feet away. The lad got up and dressed and, going down stairs, picked up a newspaper and began to read the headlines as another proof that his sight had been restored.

GIBBONS CONDEMNNS SWEAT SHOPS
The large class of persons in this city, that you may help to improve their condition, to possess their grievances and enable them to earn by their industry and honesty a comfortable livelihood. To come to this point, there is a class of persons in Baltimore and in other large cities who are employed by proprietors of large clothing establishments. Some of these workers are employed in the stores, others make garments in their own homes and bring them to the establishments. Many of these workers, men and women are compelled to work in sweat shops of which there are in one section of this city, which are crowded with people and poorly lighted and ventilated. They are overworked and underpaid. After a careful investigation I have discovered that after laboring for six days at ten or twelve hours a day their weekly compensation amounts to six or eight dollars, and with this paltry sum they have to pay for board, rent and other necessities.

AN ABSTRACT OF HIS SERMON
Bellevue, Dec. 7.—Cardinal Gibbons in the course of his regular monthly sermon, which was at the cathedral took occasion to condemn sweat shops and expressed his indignation in his sermon in making promises in favor of workers who treat themselves properly with justice and charity. I recommended the charitable work of oppressed workers and urged the proprietors of large clothing establishments. The text of the sermon was "The Lord's Prayer."

GENERAL WOOD REAPPOINTED
The President sends to Senate Nominations of 168 Army Officers.
Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt has sent to the senate the nomination of General Leonard Wood to be a major general of the army and the nomination of 167 other army officers whose promotion is dependent on that of General Wood. Accompanying these nominations were those of about 25 civilian appointees, including that of Dr. W. H. Drum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., and some others whom the president nominated in the last congress.
While the nominations are dated to take effect from the time the commissions were first issued on the recess appointments, it is the general opinion of members of the senate that the nominees will retain their old rank until the nominations are confirmed, despite the fact that all of the officers affected have been serving for nearly three months under the advanced rank and pay by which they will be entitled when confirmed. On this theory, General Wood will cease to serve as major general and will resume his rank of brigadier general and hold it until he is confirmed in the higher rank. When he is confirmed, however, he will receive a commission dated August 3, and his advanced pay will take effect from that time.

Policeman Suffocated at a Fire.
New York, Dec. 7.—Patrolman Frank J. Redican lost his life during the progress of a fire in a restaurant in Fulton street. Redican discovered the fire, and after turning in an alarm returned to the building to warn the tenants of the upper floors, all of whom escaped. After the fire was out Redican was found suffocated in a room on the third floor of the building.